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DAILY BRIEF

Venezuela: (Communist plans for major terrorist efforts in Caracas on 13 February apparently did not come off, possibly because of the government's security precautions.)

(*There were, however, some further sabotage activities reported. According to the press, terrorists yesterday set fire to a Firestone Tire Company warehouse in Caracas, causing some \$15,000 damage. The day before, an unsuccessful attempt was made to sabotage a major US-owned oil refinery near Caracas.)

(The government is maintaining its vigilance; the interior minister has instructed all state governors to take special security measures against further violence. Local US residents, however, are concerned over inadequate protection.)

(Certain military elements also remain dissatisfied with what they feel are inadequate steps by the regime to end the terrorist campaign. There are no firm indications that these officers will in fact attempt a coup in the near future, but they may at length feel compelled to take a hand if civilian security forces fail to restore the situation.)

*Last night the Venezuelan Communist-front Armed Forces of National Liberation claimed credit for the reported seizure on the high seas of the 3,127-ton Venezuelan freighter Anzoategui. According to

the Venezuelan Navigation Company, owner of the vessel, the freighter was boarded about 380 miles north of Venezuela by persons armed with machine-guns from two "boats flying unknown flags" and the seizure was aided by stowaways on the freighter and by at least two of the ship's officers.

The Venezuelan Navy chief of staff states that the Anzoategui had enough fuel for 18 days when it left Guaira, Venezuela, on Tuesday evening en route to New Orleans with a 37-man crew. He believes the ship may now head for Cuba, or may attempt an attack on Venezuela's Isla la Orchila, about 100 miles north of Caracas.

The Venezuelan Air Force is initiating an air search for the vessel at dawn today.

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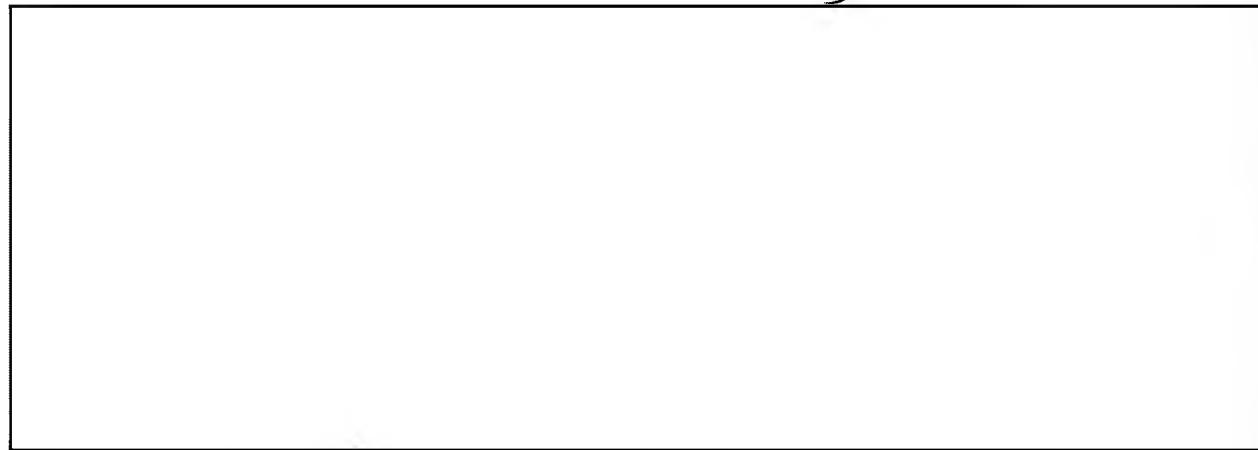
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Poland-Brazil: Poland is keeping alive its barter offer of a helicopter factory and up to 100 Polish helicopters--valued at \$10,500,000--for Brazilian coffee. A Polish delegation will visit Sao Paulo between 15 and 30 March for further discussions of the helicopter deal, according to a 12 February Brazilian broadcast. The Brazilian Air Ministry recently announced that terms of a proposed US deal for helicopters were too onerous.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

(The United States Intelligence Board, on 13 February, approved the following national intelligence estimate:

NIE 29.2-63: "The Prospects for Turkey")

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